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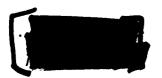
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This investigation was initiated after a video was posted on the Internet apparently depicting four Marines urinating on enemy corpses. Widespread media attention ensued and resulted in senior U.S. and Afghan government officials publicly condemning the acts of desecration depicted. Investigative efforts identified the individuals depicted as x/Richards, and that the video was produced during a mission conducted in Afghanistan on 27Jull1, by elements primarily drawn from Third Battalion, Second Marine Regiment (3/2). Photograph and video files were recovered from electronic media of a Marine unassociated with the mission, but who had deployed with 3/2. A review of the files resulted in the discovery of a high quality version of the urination video, as well as apparent "trophy" photographs depicting X/RICHARDS. which were depicted in the urination video. All mission participants were identified and interrogated. None of the participants admitted to engaging in or witnessing the acts. Numerous individuals positively identified the subjects as being depicted in the video and/or "trophy" photographs. All of the subjects of this investigation declined to waive their rights or make a statement. Numerous items of electronic media were seized; however, forensic examinations remain on-going. Investigation identified the Internet website YouTube as the likely location of the first video posting. A DODIG subpoens was obtained and served to YouTube's owner, Google, Incorporated, in an attempt to identify the individual who posted the video to the Internet; however, results remain pending.

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NARRATIVE

- 1. This reactive investigation pertains to suspected violations of Axticle 92 (Failure to obey order or regulation), of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.
- This investigation was initiated on 11Jan12, after USMC, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, II MEF, Camp Lejeune, NC, reported a video depicting what appeared to be four Maxines urinating on dead enemy combatants in Afghanistan was posted on multiple Internet vebsites. proquested NCIS initiate an investigation relative to potential Law of Armed Conflict violations.
- 3. NCIS subsequently located the urination video on the Internet. Initially, the urination video was found to have been uploaded to the Internet video-sharing website "YouTube.com" (YouTube) by YouTube on 10Jan12. However, additional online searches user revealed the urination video was likely first posted to YouTube by YouTube user on 10Jan12. Of note, YouTube user was created on 10Jan12, and the urination video was the only video uploaded before the adcount was deactivated on 10Jan12. Preservation request letters were forwarded to YouTube's owner, Google, Incorporated, which requested YouTube preserve

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- 4. A Department of Defense Inspector General subpoena was obtained and subsequently served to Google in an attempt to identify The results of the service of the subpoens remain pending. Exhibit (5) partains.
- USMC, former Commanding Officer, Third Battalion, Second Marine Regiment (3/2), Camp Lejeunc, NC, was interviewed, wherein he advised he had viewed the urination video and recognized three of the individuals depicted as \P and X/RICHARDS. reported he was unsure as to the identity of the fourth individual but related it may have been USMC. advised 3/2 had deployed to Afghanistan from March to September 2011 and he thought the video had been taken during the deployment. described his implementation of the Ethical Warrior Program for 3/2, which pertained to how he expected 3/2 to conduct itself while deployed. explained he often used the term "lone voice" when talking to members of the battalion regarding when they should "do what is right even when no one is looking." provided a voluntary written sworn statement describing his knowledge of the urination video and 3/2's deployment. Exhibits (6) and (7) pertain.
- 6. Initial interviews of 3/2 command leadership personnel resulted in the development of information regarding typical employment of Scout Sniper Platoon personnel as well as information indicating the urination video may have been produced during a mission conducted in late July 2011. and X/RICHARDS were identified as being depicted in the video. The fourth individual depicted in the video was identified as possibly a Marine whose last name started with the letter than Additionally, once command was aware of the USMC, reportedly indicated his scout Sniper Platoon team was associated with the video. Exhibit (8) pertains.

- and X/RICHARDS were identified as members of Scout Sniper Platoon, 3/2, during 3/2's 2011 deployment to Afghanistan. Specifically, Was identified as the Platoon Commander; and as identified as the Platoon Sergeant; and X/RICHARDS was identified as the Team Leader for Team Pour of the platoon. A complete roster of personnel assigned to the platoon at the beginning of the deployment, as well as a roster of personnel assigned to the platoon at the completion of the deployment, was obtained. Exhibit (9) pertains.
- 8. An anonymous tip was received by NCIS wherein and were identified by the tipster as being depicted in the urination video. Exhibit (10) pertains.
- 9. An interrogation of was attempted; however. declined to waive his Article 31(b) rights or make a statement. declined to provide permissive authorization to conduct searches of his property. The interrogation was audio and video

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recorded. Exhibits (11) and (12) pertain.

- 10. An interrogation of X/RICHARDS was attempted; however, X/RICHARDS declined to waive his Article 31(b) rights or make a statement. X/RICHARDS declined to provide permissive authorization to conduct searches of his property. The interrogation was audio and video recorded. Exhibit (13) pertains.
- 11. An interrogation of the was attempted; however, declined to waive his Axticle 31(b) rights or make a statement. The interrogation was audio and video recorded. Exhibit (14) pertains.
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- 13. Information was developed indicating the urination video was likely produced during a mission conducted by elements of Scout Sniper Platoon on 27Jul11. The mission was described as a "sniper/tank integrated operation" focused on the village of Sandala, which was located just south of Patrol Base 7171. The mission was noteworthy due to the recovery of the remains of the enemy killed in action. Exhibit (16) pertains.
- 14. After advisement and waiver of his Article 31(b) rights, USMC, Team Four, Scout Sniper Platoon, 3/2, was interrogated. was on the mission during which the urination video was produced; however, denied any knowledge of the video or the acts depicted therein until he viewed it on the news. madvised he had seen a still shot of the video on the news on 11Jan12, wherein he identified X/RICHARDS, and as being depicted. described the mission during which the video was produced. provided a voluntary written sworn statement describing his knowledge of the mission and the video. The interrogation was audio and video recorded. Exhibit (17) pertains.
- 15. After advisement and waiver of his Article 31(b) rights, USMC, Team Four, Scout Sniper Placoon, 3/2, was was on the mission during which the urination video was produced; however, the initially denied any knowledge of the video or the acts depicted therein contemporaneous to the mission. during which the video was produced. After the mission, but while still deployed, discount devised he viewed the video on the computer of a Marine'identified only as who he described as a white male, either a LCpl or Cpl, and an Engineer. acknowledged the identities of the four individuals depicted in the X/RICHARDS, video as 📟 and (advised after he viewed the video while on deployment he confronted X/RICHARDS; however, did not provide any additional details regarding the confrontation. related he knew he should have reported his knowledge of the acts depicted in the video;

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however, described advised he was concerned about the consequences of doing so. The

as described by was identified as USMC, Second Combat Engineer Battalion, Camp Lejeunc, NC. Initial contact with revealed he had possibly seen and possessed the urination video while on deployment to Afghanistan. After subsequent advisement and waiver of his Article 31(b) rights, was interrogated. advised he may have seen and possessed the video while on deployment, and that he may have received the video as a result of sharing photographs and videos with other Marines on deployment, which indicated was customary. denied any knowledge relative to who produced the video but he did identify one of the individuals depicted in the video as provided permissive authorization to search an external hard drive, which was subsequently seized by NCIS. A reinterrogation of was attempted; however, to waive his Article 31(b) rights or make a statement. Exhibits (19) through (21) pertain.

17. Preliminary results of examination of external hard drive revealed numerous videos and photographs depicting Marines apparently on deployment to Afghanistan. One particular file folder contained photographs and video files specific to the mission during which the urination video was produced. A high-quality, uncensored video file which depicted the urination acts was discovered. Apparent "trophy" photographs were discovered depicting Marines posing with rifles behind the same corpses as shown in the video. Three of the "trophy" photographs show X/RICHARDS, posing behind the coxpses. Three other and "trophy" photographs show the place of the wherein is holding the distinctive rifle. The corpses do not appear to have been urinated on in the "trophy" photographs. Other video and photograph files pertaining to the mission, to include helmet camera footage taken by commen and man also discovered. A review of the mission related footage and other data from external hard drive remains pending. Exhibits (22) through (24) pertain.

18. After advisement and waiver of his Article 31(b) rights,
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he would consider providing a statement in the future. During a subsequent contact with the again declined to provide a written statement. he again declined to provide a to conduct searches of his property, wherein multiple items of electronic media were seized. The results of examination of the aforementioned electronic media remain pending. Exhibits (25) through (28) pertain.

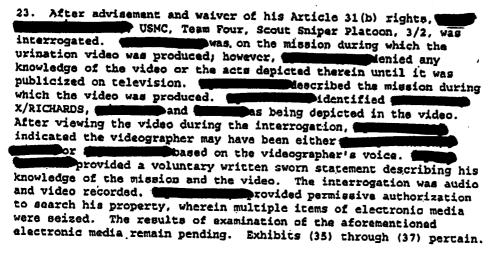
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- 21. After advisement and waiver of his Article 31(b) rights, USMC, Executive Officer, Kilo Company, 3/2, was interrogated. was on the mission during which the urination video was produced; however, denied any knowledge of the acts depicted until he became aware of the video on 11Jan12. described the mission during which the video was produced. dentified X/RICHARDS, as being depicted in the video. and C provided a voluntary written sworn statement describing his knowledge of the mission and the video. reviewed photographs and videos from the mission that were recovered from hard drive, wherein and the was able to describe mission participants and provide context for actions depicted. Additionally, pined the videographer of the urination video was mand his opinion on his recognition of voice and a review of apparent "trophy" photographs. Exhibits (32) and (33) pertain.
- 22. After advisement and waiver of his Article 31(b) rights, USMC, 8th Engineer Support Battalion, Camp Lejeune, NC, was interrogated. Was on the mission during which the urination video was produced as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal cechnician; however, denied any knowledge of the acts depicted therein until it was publicised by various media outlets. described the mission during which the video was provided a voluntary written sworn statement describing his knowledge of the mission and the video. The interrogation was audio and video recorded. Exhibit (34) pertains.

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produced. Distributed X/RICHARDE as being depicted in the video. Dadvised he received photographs of the three corpses depicted in the video by an unidentified Marine. Deprovided a voluntary written sworn statement describing his knowledge of the mission and the video. The interrogation was audio and video recorded. Deprovided permissive authorization to search his personal computer, wherein it was seized by NCIS. An examination of the computer remains pending. Deprovided permissive authorization to review his Facebook account; however, no information deemed pertinent to captioned investigation was discovered during the review. Exhibits (41) through (45) pertain.

27. After advisement and waiver of his Article 31(b) rights, USMC, 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, Camp Lejeune, NC, was interrogated. was on the mission during which the urination video was produced as a Combat Engineer; however, denied any knowledge of the video or the acts depicted therein until he viewed it on the news on 11Jan12. described the mission during which the video was produced. identified X/RICHARDS, Mand And being depicted in the video. Advised all members of Team Four had helmet cameras and that some of the Marines on the mission had point and shoot cameras. provided a voluntary written sworn statement describing his knowledge of the mission and the video. The interrogation was audio and video recorded. provided permissive authorization to search his property, wherein several items of electronic media were saized by NCIS. The results of examination of the aforementioned electronic media remain pending. Exhibits (46) and (47) pertain.

28. After advisement and waiver of his Miranda rights, CIV, was interrogated. as on the mission during which the urination video was produced as a Combat Engineer; however, denied any knowledge of the video or the acrs depicted therein until he viewed it online in January 2012. from the USMC in November 2011 but was a Sgt at the time of the mission. described the mission during which the video was produced. X/RICHARDS, and an as being depicted in the video. During a subsequent interrogation, and admitted viewing the video while on deployment to Afghanistan. According to the mission, X/RICHARDS asked Transfer data from X/RICHARDS' digital camera memory card to X/RICHARDS' external hard drive, via personal computer. The related during the transfer process he viewed the video and "trophy" photographs which dapicted X/RICHARDS, and (apparently posing behind corpses. advised 🗯 renamed the video file to "Don't open." or something to that effect, in an effort to remind himself not to play the video file for other people. Upon review of the urination video during the interrogation, thought the voice, of the videographer was rovided a voluntary written sworn statement describing his knowledge of the mission and the video. provided permissive authorization to search his property, wherein multiple itams of electronic media were seized. The results of examination of the aforementioned electronic media

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29. After advisement and waiver of his Article 31(b) rights, USMC, Team Four, Scout Sniper Platoon, 3/2, was was on the mission during which the interrogated. urination video was produced; however, denied any knowledge of the video or the acts depicted therein until it was posted online and publicized by the media. described the mission during which the video was produced. identified as being depicted in . 🕨 X/RICHARDS, 🗰 and (the video. During a subsequent interrogation, Prelated he believed X/RICHARDS, and Mad cameras during the mission. provided a voluntary written sworn statement describing his knowledge of the mission and the video. provided permissive authorization to soarch his property, wherein multiple items of electronic media were seized. The results of examination of the aforementioned electronic media remain pending. The interrogations of were audio and video recorded. Exhibits (53) through (57) pertain.

30. After advisement and waiver of his Article 31(b) rights, USMC, Team Four, Scout Sniper Platoon, 3/2, was interrogated. was on the mission during which the urination video was produced; however, denied any knowledge of the video or the acts depicted therein until it was brought to his attention by command. is currently on terminal leave from the USMC. escribed the mission during which the video was produced. identified X/RICHARDS, Manual and as being depicted in a screen shot from the video. During a subsequent interrogation, listened to the video and identified the voices of Dand (related he did not recognize the voice of the videographer. X/RICHARDS had a camera, and possibly a helmet camera; had a helmet camera; had a camera; helmet camera; and had X/RICHARDS' helmet camera. provided a voluntary written sworn statement describing his knowledge of the mission and the video. permissive authorization to search his property, wherein multiple items of electronic media were seized. The results of examination of the aforementioned electronic media remain pending. The interrogations of the end were audio and wideo recorded. Exhibits (58) through (61) pertain.

31. After advisement and waiver of his Article 31(b) rights, USMC. Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Atlantic, Norfolk, VA, was interrogated. mission during which the urination video was produced as the Forward Air Controller; however, denied any knowledge of the video or the acts depicted therein until it was posted on YouTube. Described the mission during which the video was produced, identified and depicted in the video. covided a voluntary written sworn statement describing his knowledge of the mission and the

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- USMC, Weapons Company, 3/2, was was not on the mission during which the interviewed. urination video was produced. Dadvised he first learned of the video and the acts depicted therein on 11Jan12. reported he monitored the mission via an Aerostat surveillance advised he positively identified the enemy personnel killed by the mission participants as armed enemy combatants, and informed who was on the mission at the confirmed the enemy killed in action were engaged in accordance with the Rules of Engagement. identified has being depicted in the video. and a provided a voluntary written sworn statement describing his knowledge of the mission and the video. The interview was audio and video recorded. Exhibit (64) pertains.
- 33. Interrogations of mission participants revealed elements of 2nd Tank Battalion, Camp Lejeune, NC, supported the mission, assisted with the extraction of the mission participants, and transported the corpses of the enemy killed in action on top of their tanks back to Patrol Base 7171. A review of photographs and video found on external hard drive resulted in the discovery of photographs and video depicting AMERICAN A/RICHARDS and A riding on top of a tank. Specifically, one photograph depicts X/RICHARDS and a tank crewman, wherein corpacs were visible between the photographer and X/RICHARDS and the tank crewman. 2nd Tank Battalion personnel who supported the mission were identified and interviewed; however, all of the personnel denied any knowledge of any criminal acts associated with the mission. Multiple 2nd Tank Battalion personnel provided voluntary written sworn statements, wherein they described their knowledge of the mission. identified as the tank crewman who was depicted in the photograph with X/RICHARDS. Exhibits (65) through (74) pertain.
- 34. After advisement and waiver of his Article 31(b) rights, was interrogated. Denied any knowledge of criminal acts associated with the mission and he denied possessing any photographs of enemy corpses. Drovided a voluntary written sworn statement describing his knowledge of the mission. The interrogation was audio and video recorded. Drovided permissive authorization to conduct a search of his personal computer, wherein no photographs or video depicting enemy corpses were discovered. Exhibits (75) and (76) pertain.
- group photograph which depicted all of the mission participants at Patrol Bass 7171. A review of external hard drive also resulted in the discovery of the same group photograph. The results of the interrogations of the mission participants revealed one individual depicted in the group photograph was not on the mission. The individual was identified as

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been assigned to 2nd Radio Battalion at the time of the photograph.

Camp Lejeune, NC; however, the currently attending specialized training in Brunswick, ME.

regarding his knowledge of the mission and its participants upon his return to Camp Lejeune, circa 30Jan12. Exhibit (77) pertains.

- 36. Interviews were conducted of númerous members of Scout Sniper Platoon, 3/2, who were not on the mission. No pertinent information was devaloped. Exhibits (78) through (84) pertain.
- 37. The mission participants reportedly returned to Fatrol Base 7171 at the conclusion of the mission. Attempts were made to identify personnel who were also assigned to Fatrol Base 7171 in an attempt to conduct interviews of those personnel relative to their knowledge of the mission and/or any criminal acts committed therein. However, attempts to identify personnel assigned to Patrol Base 7171 have heretofore been unsuccessful. Exhibits (85) and (86) pertain.
- USMC, Wounded Warrior Battalion Bast, Bethesda, MD, was interviewed. was not on the mission. thad been assigned to Team Four, Scout Sniper Platoon, as a Combat Engineer until he was wounded in combat on 21April. Endvised he became aware of the urination video on 11Jan12. identified and as being depicted in the video. provided a voluntary written sworn statement describing his knowledge of the video and the deployment. provided permissive authorization to review his Facebook account, wherein messages from and X/RICHARDS ware reviewed. Exhibit (87) percains.

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39. Multiple interviews were conducted of 3/2 command leadership personnel regarding 3/2's Afghanistan deployment.

USMC, was the Executive Officer, 3/2, from June 2010 to November 2011, and was not on the mission.

November 2011, and was not on the mission.

Interviewed, wherein he advised he monitored the mission from the Combat Operations Center and described the mission as a "tremendous success."

The properties of the Musa Qa'leh District Center to be biometrically processed before being turned over to the Afghan police.

Provided he assisted

USMC, who was the Operations Officer, 3/2, at the time, with unloading the corpses before they were turned over to the Afghan police.

Provided a voluntary written sworn statement describing his knowledge of the mission and the video. Exhibit (88) pertains.

Quantico, VA, was interviewed. Was not on the mission but was on the deployment and was assigned as the Operations Officer, 3/2. Commitment to othics and his frequent use of the phrase "lone voice," relative to Marines doing the right thing. Advised he became aware of the urination video after it was posted on the Internet. Identified the being depicted in the video, advised he assisted with the disposition of onemy killed in action

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his knowledge of the mission and the video. Exhibit (91) pertains. USMC, Commanding Officer, Weapons Company, 3/2, was interviewed. was not on the mission. related teams from Scout Sniper Platoon were attached out from weapons Company to other battalion companies during the deployment. reported a member of the platoon was killed in action during the deployment. Following the memorial service for the fallen advised he addressed the platoon and instructed them to continue to do their jobs and not to "go crazy and loose control." described the battalion's commitment to ethical behavior and he related regularly said "be the lonevoice" relative to Marines doing the right thing. he first learned of the urination video and the acts depicted therein on 11Jan12. idencified as being depicted in the video. provided a voluntary written sworn statement describing his knowledge of the video and the battalion's commitment to ethical behavior. Exhibit (92) pertains.

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USMC, Executive Officer, Weapons Company, 3/2, was interviewed. was not on the mission. described the battalion's commitment to ethical behavior.

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for meritorious promotion to GySgt while on deployment. provided a voluntary written sworn statement describing his knowledge of the video, the battalion's commitment to ethical behavior and his knowledge of Scout Sniper Platoon personnel. Exhibit (93) pertains.
USMC, Weapons Company, 3/2, was interviewed. was not on the mission. learned of the urination video and the acts depicted therein on 11Jan12. as being depicted in the video. provided a voluntary
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was not on the mission or the deployment. deployment dvised he learned of the urination video and acts depicted therein from
Lejeune, NC. Selected he gathered Marines present who had been on 3/2's Afghanistan deployment. Subsequently addressed three Marines regarding whether they had any
nervous and he indicated he had knowledge of the video.
video. Provided a voluntary written sworn statement describing his knowledge of the video and the video. The interview was audio and video recorded. Exhibits (95) and (96) pertain.
USMC, current Scout Sniper Platoon Commander, 3/2, was interviewed.
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indicated he had knowledge of the video. Advised he later viewed the video on the local news and identified
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subsequently re-interviewed, wherein he related when X/RICHARDS priginally notified him of the situation, X/RICHARDS informed
and that something a "possible video" and that something may
exercises and a series of the deployment. Both interviews of

48. Preliminary review of video footage depicting the mission, which was apparently taken via the helmet camera, resulted in the discovery of footage depicting X/RICHARDS searching an enemy corpse.

were audio and video recorded. Exhibits (97) and (98)

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- 49. A classified hard drive containing reporting of 3/2's operations during their Afghanistan deployment was obtained. An examination of the data contained therein for information relative to the mission during which the urination video was produced, as well as the identities of the enemy killed in action and their ultimate disposition, and other pertinent information remains pending. Exhibit (100) pertains..
- 50. Attempts to identify the enemy killed in action who were depicted in the urination video via Department of Defense databases have been unsuccessful to date. Exhibit (101) pertains.
- CIV, was identified as the Law Enforcement Professional for 3/2's deployment and as potentially having been associated with the disposition of detainees and the remains of enemy combatants in Afghanistan. Initial contact with he had responsibilities relative to detainess and enemy remains during 3/2's deployment. An interview of is expected to be conducted circa 01Feb11.
- 52. Attempts to obtain any potential unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) video surveillance footage and radio transmissions pertaining to the mission were unsuccessful. UAV missions were conducted in the area of the mission; however, if any UAV surveillance footage had been taken of the mission it was subsequently deleted on 010ct11. Reportedly, all UAV footage and associated mission reports were deleted in an effort to free digital media storage space. Additionally, it was determined radio transmissions had not been maintained since December 2010. Exhibits (102) and (103) pertain.
- 53. The Service Record Books for X/RICHARDS, 📹 and were reviewed. The reviews did not result in the discovery of any information directly related to captioned investigation; however, X/RICHARDS was identified as having received nonjudicial punishment for violating Article 134 (Discharging a

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firearm through negligence), of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Exhibits (104) and (105) pertain.

- 54. Reviews of Facebook accounts of mission participants were conducted. However, no information deemed pertinent to captioned investigation was discovered. Exhibit (106) pertains.
- 55. U.S. Central Command General Order 1B and II MEP (Forward) General Order 1A were obtained. Both General Orders prohibit photographing or filming casualties. Exhibits (107) and (108) pertain.
- 56. Commander, Marine Corps Forces Central Command (MARFORCENT), has been designated by the Commandant of the Marine Corps as the Consolidated Disposition Authority for the alleged desecration of corpses by U.S. Marines in Afghanistan. Exhibit (109) pertains.
- USMC, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, II MEF, identified and as three USMC judge advocates who were associated with 3/2's Afghanistan deployment. USMC, Headquarters and Service Battalion, HOMC, was interviewed. was not associated with the mission but was on the deployment and provided training for 3/2 prior to and during the deployment. described the training as Rules of Engagement, Law of Armed Conflict, and Code of Conduct training. Additionally, commitment to othics and related often used the phrase "lone voice" relative to Marines coming forward to report inappropriate and/or unethical behavior. provided a voluntary written sworn statement describing the training he provided **B**commitment to ethics. **4** rovided training materials he used to conduct the aforementioned training. The materials will be detailed in future reporting upon receipt of the materials by NCIS Resident Agency Camp Lejeune. Exhibits (110) and (111) pertain.

58. Examinations of electronic media obtained from (iPod and digital camera), (iPod), and (digital camera) did not result in any information pertinent to captioned investigation. Exhibits (112) through (114) pertain.

USMC, Scout Sniper Platoon, 3/2, in Michigan.

To on the mission but may be associated with members of Team Four, as well as other mission participants. Forensic examination of electronic media obtained from mission participants, as well as from premains pending. Completion of the review of photograph and video files recovered from electronic media remains pending. A review of data on a SIPR hard drive obtained from 3/2 pertaining to the mission and the deployment remains pending. Interviews of and remain pending. An interview of the mission and the Law Enforcement Professional assigned to 3/2 during the deployment, remains pending. An interview of who was included in a group photograph taken of the mission participants at Patrol Base 7171 after the mission, remains pending.

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Voice recognition analysis and audio enhancement of the urination video remains pending. Identification of the individual who posted the video on the Internet remains pending. Several re-interrogations of mission participants also remain pending.

60. B USMC, Staff Judge Advocate, MARFORCENT, . USMC. Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, II MEF, and Military Justice Officer, Camp Lejeune, NC, have been regularly apprised of the status of this investigation. On USMC, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve/Marine Forces North, was apprised of the status of this investigation. I is conducting the USMC Command Investigation relative to the urination video. **PARTICIPANTS**

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